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Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Tribe gets \$6.36 million

CARES Act provides funding for response to COVID-19



Photo by Ed Monroe for The Bay City News Service

The beauty of Bad River and The Reservation have been threatened by the COVID-19 virus.

By Richard J. Pufall

For the Bad River Band

At 11:58 p.m. on March 18, the Bad River Reservation joined the rest of a frightened world, shutting down non-essential businesses in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Today, 84 days later, the uncertainties of the pandemic and its financial toll still linger.

"Our Tribal staff monitored the state and federal assistance response in order to ensure that Bad River received financial help in the face of the pandemic," said Tribal Chairman Mike Wiggins, Jr. "Sandy Bender has been instrumental in tracking and receiving the assistance from a variety of state and federal entities on behalf of the Bad River Tribe."

The Bad River Band received \$6.36 million under the CARES Department of the Treasury Coronavirus Relief Fund, according to Bender,

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Bad River's Accounting Manager.

Formally known as The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, it was passed by Congress with overwhelming, bipartisan support and signed into law by President Trump on March 27. This more than \$2 trillion economic relief package was designed to protect the American people from the public health and economic impacts of COVID-19.

Bender listed several ways in which the CARES Act funds might be used by The Tribe:

- ~ Hazardous pay to all employees who have been working during the pandemic.
- ~ Expanding Food Sovereignty efforts in response to the food chain disruption.
- ~ Clinic x-ray machine as a measure to increase COVID-19 treatment capacity.
- ~ Necessary facilities upgrades and repairs for public safety measures undertaken in response to COVID-19 (Generator, Heating/Cooling system repairs, roof repairs, parking lot repairs, handicap accessibility, security cameras, keyless entry).
- ~ A van, canoes, trailer for MNRD youth program to encourage social distancing.
- ~ Water and sewer, recycling equipment purchases and repairs.
- ~ Supplies for harm reduction and support for outreach efforts.
- ~ Assistance to families for Internet access and electronics for distance learning.

Bender said CARES Act funds may only be used to cover costs that are 1, necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); 2, were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act for the state or government; and 3, were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.

Under the terms of the CARES Act, Bender said the Tribe must make use of the money before December 30.

Bender said the final budget for the CARES Act funds was approved by the Tribal Council on May 20, 2020.

"Finance will monitor and report to Tribal Council, administration, and department heads regarding funded budget line

Covid-19/CARES Act Budget Tribal Council Listening Session



Remote Meeting

WHEN: June 17, 2020

TIME: 4:30 PM

Register for access code with
Barb Smart Executive Secretary
at 715-682-7111 ext. 1504 or
email at Brtssecretary@badriver-nsn.gov or email Tribal Chairman
at mikew@badriver.com

All Bad River Tribal members welcome to participate

items," Bender said. "Capital Expenditures will also require Tribal Council approval as part of the procurement process."

Bender said the Tribe also received a total of \$1,877,677 under the Small Business Administration's Payroll Protection Program.

"This was to cover payroll for all Tribal businesses (Water and Sewer, recycling, clinic, Lodge, Falls Lounge, Smoke Shop, restaurant, Moccasin Trail Complex, Casino, Superior Connections, and the Community Development Corporation)," Bender

er said. "These funds were distributed as a loan but the Tribe is eligible to apply for forgiveness based on certain criteria. The Tribe has the option to utilize up to 25 percent of these funds for eligible utility costs for each of the Tribal businesses."

Bender said payroll for tribal employees was covered through April 24, 2020.

"Voluntary layoffs were then taken by a few employees after that and then more Casino employees the following week," Bender said.

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Bender listed other grants received by The Tribe:

- ~ HUD, Indian Housing Block Grant, \$509,362;
 - ~ DHHS nutrition (for the Elders), \$83,160;
 - ~ DHHS child care, \$58,175;
 - ~ DHHS child welfare, \$49,699;
 - ~ Federal Transit Authority, \$355,359;
 - ~ HHS, \$814,781;
 - ~ SAMHSA Native Connections, \$97,402 (under Youth Services):
 - ~ BIA (welfare assistance), \$89,172;
 - ~ (General Assistance, Burial Assistance, Foster Care Assistance);
 - ~ GLITC CDC, \$88,400 (to the Clinic);
 - ~ CDC, \$79,819 (PPE, IT assessment);
 - ~ Marshfield Clinic, \$4,000 (IT equipment);
 - ~ National Network of Public Institutes, \$6,000 (to the Clinic);
 - ~ National Congress of American Indians, \$5,000 (to Food Sovereignty);
 - ~ GLITC Medical College, \$43,000 (for a tiny house and Food Sovereignty);
 - ~ Head Start/Early Head Start, \$32,480, for PPE, cleaning supplies, picnic tables;
 - ~ Wisconsin DHS Public Health ER Quarantine, will reimburse direct expenses for quarantine;
 - ~ BIA (other Aid to Tribal Government), \$1,750,446 (artesian well improvements at Bad River Hatchery);
 - ~ Enrollment REAL ID & Software Upgrades;
 - ~ Facilities payroll support, cleaning supplies and equipment;
 - ~ IT software, upgrades, laptops for remote work;
 - ~ Hand-held radios to enhance communication efforts;
 - ~ Sewer pumper truck;
 - ~ Internet capacity expansion for Odanah tower;
 - ~ Emergency Response truck, etc.
- The Bad River Tribe's Stay-at-Home resolution is set to expire on June 15. However, the Bad River Emergency Management team continues to meet



The Bad River Reservation, like the rest of the world, must continue to find a way to cope with the COVID-19 virus.

Photo by The Bay City News Service

daily for check-ins and overall planning purposes.

The Bad River Health & Wellness Center staff studies local and regional data to advise the Tribal government on creating a re-opening plan that focuses on the health and safety of the overall community.

And based on that data, the June 15 date could change, and further extend the Stay-at-Home order.

The resolution continues to suspend non-essential travel for Bad River Tribal employees. Each department has been working with its staff to highlight work restrictions and also develop plans to minimize the potential for COVID-19 infections.

The Tribe has been working with other Tribes, the State of Wisconsin, Ashland County, CDC, and other relevant federal agencies.

"The daily Covid-19 response meetings have shown us how dynamic things can be as we try to keep our community safe," Chairman Wiggins said. "From scrambling through protective supply and food shortages, to lack of testing equipment, its been a struggle to stay on top of the pandemic and its uncertainties. Our Tribal Council and department heads worked diligently to identify areas of need, both organiza-

tionally, and community-wide to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The budgets that we are currently managing are very much fluid and will change based on the changing needs of our community and the state of the pandemic. The important thing is trying to anticipate worst-case scenarios so we are ready to respond as a Tribal Government.

"Many of the project undertakings we are trying to administer fall under housing, infrastructural upgrades, supplies/equipment, food security, technology upgrades and employee hazard pay. Many of these areas are also clearly identified as needs within the Tribal Strategic plan that was adopted by the Tribal Council in 2018. Many of these needs have now become amplified by the pandemic.

Listening session June 17

The Tribal Council will be hosting a listening session on the Covid-19 budgets on June 17 and all Bad River Tribal Members are encouraged to attend.

Click here for the [FAQ](#) sheet, which outlines some common questions and fund guidelines.

Send email to Richard J. Pufall at News-Letter@BadRiver-nsn.gov

CARES Dept. of the Treasury Coronavirus Relief Fund

SOC	DHHS Nutrition	28,920.00	
SOC	DHHS Nutrition	54,240.00	
IT	Marshfield Clinic / Security Health Plan COVID-19 Community Support Fund	4,000.00	Computers
CLINIC	WI DHS Public Health ER Quarantine	?	Reimbursement
TRANSIT	Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	355,359.00	
CLINIC	GLITC (CDC)	88,400.00	
FOOD SOV	GLITC (Medical College)	20,000.00	LTE's, Supplies
ADMIN	GLITC (Medical College)	23,000.00	Tiny House
HOUSING	HUD (Indian Housing Block Grant)	509,362.00	
IT	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	100,000	IT - Laptops, Printers, Scanners (Remote Work - Administration)
FAC	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	75,000	Security Cameras - Limiting Access & Contact Tracing for Administration
YOUTH	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	5,000	hot spots, 2 pc's, printer - Birch Hill Community House
IT	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	12,000	VMware software and support (60% + Clinic 20% & ENT 20%)
IT	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	80,000	Internet Capacity Expansion (Odanah Tower)
NRD	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	40,000	Hand-Held Radio's
W&S	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	1,946	#2 Chlorine Pocket Colorimeter (HACH DR300)
W&S	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	20,000	Industrial Portable Pressure Washer / Sanitizer (Cam Spray STB Trailer Jetter)
W&S	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	120,000	Sewer Pumper Truck
W&S	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	2,500	Washer & Dryer
W&S	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	40,000	Pickup (2020 Ford F250 Super STX)
IT	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	100,000	IT Security response based on assessment results (CDC)
FAC	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	399,250	Deep Cleaning - S/F & Supplies
FAC	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	35,000	Pickup - Security
FAC	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	40,000	Utility Van
FAC	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	10,000	HEPA Compliant Air Filters
FAC	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	9,000	#2 Commercial Floor Scrubbers
FAC	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	5,000	Portable Sanitizer/Steamer
NRD	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	100,000	Artesian Well Improvements at Bad River Hatchery
NRD	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	50,000	Project Tracking / Remote Work Database Development
NRD	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	5,000	Signage & Portapotties/Hand Washing Station
IT	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	10,000	Software - Adobe / RemotePC / GoToMeeting
GEN	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	150,000	50% Chairman & Treasurer
GEN	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	60,750	50% Other Tribal Council Stipends & Supplies
ENROLLMENT	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	200,000	Enrollment REAL ID & Software Upgrade
NRD	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	15,000	Training / Support - Mental Health, Stress Mgmt, Remote Work Supervision
ADMIN	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	30,000	SUV - Administration
ER	BIA (Other Aid to Tribal Governments)	35,000	Truck - First Responder / Emergency Response
SOC	DHHS Child Care	58,175.00	
CLINIC	IHS	814,781.00	
W&S	SBA PPP	43,636.00	Payroll/Utilities
REC	SBA PPP	44,120.00	Payroll/Utilities
CLINIC	SBA PPP - Clinic	311,227.00	Payroll/Utilities
ENT	SBA PPP - Non-Gaming	410,062.00	Payroll/Utilities - Lodge, Bar, Smoke Shop, Restaurant, MTC
ENT	SBA PPP - Superior Connections	25,185.00	Payroll/Utilities
CDC	SBA PPP - Community Development Corporation	26,050.00	Payroll/Utilities
ENT	SBA PPP - Gaming	1,017,387.00	Payroll/Utilities
ENT	State of WI Dept of Admin	32,491.40	Gaming Payment Deferrals - 3/30 & 6/30
ADMIN	CDC	79,819.00	Partial Award - IT Assessment/ER Equip.
YOUTH	SAMHSA Native Connections	97,402.00	
SOC	DHHS (Child Welfare / Title IV-B1)	3,383.00	
SOC	DHHS (Promoting Safe & Stable Families / Title IV-B2)	46,316.00	
ADMIN	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	500,000	Community Wake House
ADMIN	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	500,000	Outreach Site - Ashland
ADMIN	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	500,000	Fishing - Business Plan, Boat, Nets, Truck, Start Up
FOOD SOV	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	40,000	Small Tractor & UTV
IT	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	236,932	IP Phone Upgrade

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REC	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	5,000	Ford F-650 Flatbed Truck Repairs
EDU	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	10,000	Language Trainees - Laptops, Headphones
CLINIC	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	400,000	X-Ray Machine
CLINIC	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	175,000	Pharmaceutical Robot
SOC	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	40,000	Community Center Generator
SOC	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	100,000	Community Center Heating / Cooling System
W&S	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	30,000	WWTP Roof Repair
W&S	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	25,000	WWTP Repairs - Air Exchange System, Air Recover Units
W&S	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	7,300	WWTP Repairs - Boiler
W&S	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	20,000	WWTP Repairs - Failing Valves and Actuator Replacement
W&S	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	6,600	WWTP Repairs - Process Control OPR Probes for SBR System
HS	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	230,000	Head Start Construction
ADMIN	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	1,000,000	Hazardous Pay-Public Safety Measures Response (Implementation)
ER	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	1,000,000	Emergency Response Facility-Fire/Ambulance/Law Enf/Wardens
SOC	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	48,000	Community Center Roof / Basement Repairs
FAC	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	60,000	Chief Blackbird Center Roof Repair
FAC	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	24,000	Chief Blackbird Bathroom Renovations
FAC	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	93,507	Chief Blackbird Parking Lot Repair
FAC	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	40,000	Facilities Pole Building
FAC	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	15,000	Handicap Accessibility (\$5,000 x 3)
ENT	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	675,000	Security Cameras
ENT	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	150,000	Keyless Entry Doors
ENT	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	35,000	Body Temperature Cameras / Kiosks
FAC	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	20,000	Birch Hill Fire Hall Warden Office Renovations & Furnace
FOOD SOV	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	6,266	Food Sovereignty Parking Lot Repair
FOOD SOV	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	40,000	Food Sovereignty Pole Building
FOOD SOV	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	35,000	Food Sovereignty Roof Repair
ISLAND	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	15,000	Supplies
NRD	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	25,000	Kayaks / Accessories & Trailer
NRD	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	10,000	Cellphones / Tablets & Service Costs
NRD	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	5,000	Departmental Entrance Renovation
NRD	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	25,000	Van (Youth Activities)
NRD	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	5,000	Canoes/Trailer
REC	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	75,739	2019 Hino Truck 268A (curb-side pick up)
REC	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	1,514	2012 Isuzu NRR Fuel Tank Replacement on Garbage Truck
REC	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	40,000	Ford F-350 Super Duty (transport dumpsters via trailer)
YOUTH	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	9,000	Students - Internet Access #30 x 6 months x \$50
YOUTH	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	15,000	Students - Tablets / Laptops #50 x \$300
YOUTH	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	5,000	Family Support #100 x \$50 (Smudge, Books, etc.)
ADMIN	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	20,000	Harvesting Incentives
FOOD SOV	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	10,000	Family Site Gardening
HR	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	10,407.50	Harm Reduction
SOC	Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus Relief Fund)	20,000	Direct Economic Support (Community/Crisis)
SOC	BIA (Welfare Assistance)	89,172.00	GA, Burial Assistance, Child Assistance
CLINIC	National Network of Public Institutes	6,000.00	
FOOD SOV	National Congress of American Indians	5,000.00	Chicken Coop
		12,303,198.90	





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Tribal Mission Statement:

To work toward a more progressive, financially stable government; to maintain Tribal Sovereignty; and enable members to progress individually, toward a more fulfilling life culturally, spiritually, and economically.



'Mino-dibishkaan' to our Elders

Taking the cake, in June

June 2

Linda Mayotte
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June 8

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June 11

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June 13

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June 17

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June 18

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June 19

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June 20

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June 21

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Health is No. 1 for Tribe

Re-opening date might be June 15

By Richard J. Pufall

For the Bad River Band

The Bad River Tribe's Stay-at-Home resolution is due to expire on June 15. If, indeed, that is the day when the Tribe re-opens all non-essential businesses, it would be a healthy 20 days beyond Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers' intended date of May 26.

When the Wisconsin Supreme Court overturned Evers' order on May 13, the Tribe not only supported the Governor's plan but built in more stay-at-home time, clearly showing that the health of Reservation residents was more important than economic concerns.

Health remains the top priority as the Bad River Emergency Management team continues to meet daily for check-ins and overall planning purposes. The Bad River Health & Wellness Center staff is following local and regional data to advise the Tribal government on creating a re-opening plan that focuses on the health and safety of the overall community.

So, June 15 looms as the tentative re-opening date, but is not chiseled in stone.

Of course, the COVID-19 pandemic has plunged everyone into uncharted waters, where no one can know for certain what is good timing.

The Tribe's public health nurses – Tina Gerovac-Lavasseur and Pamela Feustel

For updates on the Bad River Tribe's efforts to combat COVID-19, the coronavirus pandemic, click the link below

[Website](#)

Tracking COVID-19

As of today, June 10, there were 1,967,764 cases of COVID-19, the coronavirus, in the United States, with 111,539 deaths. The first coronavirus case in Wisconsin was reported on February 5. There have been a total of 21,593 cases reported in the state and 671 deaths.

Numbers in our 4-county area

<u>County</u>	<u>Reported cases</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Ashland	3	0
Bayfield	3	1
Iron	2	1
Douglas	20	0

– said they knew the reopening date was coming and are prepared to respond, no matter when.

The nurses said that each area of the Tribe has been working on a safe re-opening plan. They assured everyone that the Tribe remains focused on the safety of the community.

Bad River, the Health and

Wellness Center and the nurses have a perfect record to defend. You see, since the first positive case of COVID-19 was reported in Wisconsin, there have been none on The Reservation and, of course, no deaths.

So, Tribal leaders continue to consult with health professionals on staff to make informed decisions with the safety of the

community in mind.

"As Public Health Nursing Supervisor, I have been involved in these decisions," Feustel said. "We want to be sure that the community is protected and are taking the steps necessary to do our part."

The nurses, all along, have

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been proactive in their approach, making sure there is a plan in place to deal with all contingencies.

"We plan to have additional screening prior to entering the building for our patients," Gerovac-Lavasseur said. "Our employees are also being screened for symptoms daily prior to their shift. We will utilize one entrance, and one separate exit to ensure flow of traffic and enhance social distancing."

With the end of Safer-at-Home orders around the country, nice weather and the beginning of the tourist season, the odds of the COVID-19 virus being carried into our area have, of course, increased. No one is more aware of these factors than the health professionals at the Wellness Center.

"Like anywhere, I believe the greatest concern is that we will see a surge of COVID-19," Feustel said. "This is not necessarily because Bad River is opening back up, but because the Safer-at-Home order has been lifted which has given individuals in the state much more freedom to travel."

Along with prudent and focused medical practices, the nurses believe that a positive approach and teamwork will help The Reservation handle any challenges that might present themselves.

"We have been preparing as a Tribal Entity from the day we reduced services," Gerovac-Lavasseur said. "We have worked together as a team across departments to ensure that we are doing everything in our power to keep our community safe. The teamwork has been astounding, and the fact that the team has the wellbeing

of the community at the center of our work is not only encouraging, but proof that we will remain Bad River Strong."

A concern expressed by many has been that some will get the wrong message from the re-opening of non-essential businesses. Will it be viewed, by some, as the green light that the threat of the coronavirus is over, and we can "return to

normal" without following safety guidelines?

"I do not believe that to be true," Feustel said. "We have increased communication to everyone within the community. We have done education with each department and have continued our community education on how to stay protected from COVID-19."

"We have flyers posted and,

on the Website, (which we update frequently). We plan to continue this so that our community can remain safe and protected from this virus. *Drum Beats* has also been a very effective way for us to be able to communicate information."

Send email to Richard J. Pufall at NewsLetter@BadRiver-nsn.gov

Bad River Health and Wellness Center Expanded Services beginning June 8, 2020

Hours of Operation (by appointment only):

AODA	8:00-4:30
Behavioral Health	8:00-4:30
Public Health	8:00-4:30
Clinic	8:00-4:30
Dental	8:00-4:30
MAT Program	8:00-4:30
Pharmacy	8:00-4:30 (Drive Thru Only)

Please call (715) 682-7133 with any questions.

Chi Miigwetch for your patience during the COVID-19 crisis.

Stay Safe and Be Well.



We cannot continue to live in fear

The Tribal Council is pondering the best day. It's not "a date which will live in infamy." No, it's not Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. It's not D-Day. It's not the Normandy Invasion on June 6, 1944.

But it is an important date in our future. And it is coming soon. It's the day The Bad River Reservation reopens for business in the face of a still formidable foe: The COVID-19 virus. The Tribe's Stay-at-Home resolution is set to expire on June 15. But if the need arises, it could be a later date.

And most eyes will be on the Bad River Lodge and Casino, the biggest business and income generator on The Reservation.

At present, the re-opening day is not an important historical date. But it could and should be. It all depends on the behavior of the major players. And you are among them.

To be sure, Tribal residents have done their part. Since the first positive case of the coronavirus was recorded in Wisconsin on February 5, there have been none on The Reservation. And in all of Ashland County, there have been just three positive cases and no deaths.

But the Bad River Lodge and Casino has been closed since 11:59 p.m. on March 18. And that closure has kept away many visitors and tourists who might, unwittingly, be carriers of the COVID-19 virus.

Tribal residents have done their part. They have self-quarantined. They have given up jobs to follow "Safer-at-Home" guidelines. They have washed and sanitized their hands and have worn masks. They have maintained the proper "social distance."

And the Bad River Tribal Council has done its part, too. The Council stood by Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers' "Stay-at-Home" order even after the State Supreme Court overturned it on May 13. Evers' order was due to run out on May 26. The Tribal Council, in fact, has wisely added many more days to the order, to give The Reservation crucial time to prepare to reopen.

But, of course, with the extra time comes no guarantees

that The Reservation can maintain its perfect record against COVID-19. Especially since, once open, more visitors to The Reservation and the Lodge and Casino increases the chances that COVID-19 will be among the guests.

And the numbers certainly support the merit of both Evers' intentions and the wisdom of the Bad River Tribal Council.

On May 27, two weeks to the day after the Supreme Court overturned Evers' "Safer-at-Home order, Wisconsin set a one-day record for new coronavirus cases. In a 24-hour period a record 642 positive cases were recorded. That increased

the number of active cases by 10 percent. And that was the deadliest day so far with 22 people succumbing to the disease. As of today, June 10, there have been 21,593 positive cases of COVID-19 and 671 deaths in our state.

Certainly, those numbers do not tout the wisdom of reopening the economy on any level. And many worry that returning to business as usual sends a bad message to the uninformed or casual observers that a reopened economy means the threat of COVID-19 is closed.

Truth is, the threat is more real and wide open than ever. There is no vaccine. Positive cases and deaths continue to grow at an alarming rate.

Most of us understand that this deadly monster is still knocking at our door. So why open it to business?

Because we cannot continue to live in fear. A life of constant fear is not much of a life at all. If you believe we can have both an open economy and a happy, healthy populous, you are not alone. The public health nurses, Pamela Feustel and Tina Gerovac-Lavasseur, of the Bad River Health and Wellness Center, agree with you.

So, we *can* go about our business, but not "as usual." We must continue to wash and sanitize our hands, wear masks, and keep a healthy social distance from others.

Yes, life will be worth living. But for a while, it will be a little different.

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By Richard J. Pufall

For the Bad River Band



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BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

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ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT Information During COVID-19 PANDEMIC

For the protection of tribal staff and community, the Bad River Tribe is still temporarily limiting person-to-person contact at the workplace to minimize potential exposure.

The Bad River Enrollment Department will accept new applications from people residing within the Bad River service area only.* We are now requiring safe social distancing procedures to process. You must call and make an appointment to schedule.

Bad River Enrollment Office	715-682-7111 ext. 1525
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NOTE: Tribal Members may request a Certificate of Membership in lieu of Tribal ID during the COVID 19 Pandemic

**If you have any questions about enrollment or the service area, please call Enrollment Office, miigwech*

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MEDIA STATEMENT

Bad River Statement on Prevention of COVID-19 within the Reservation

In a decision May 13, 2020 the State Supreme Court decided almost all of the State's Safer-at-Home Order, Executive Order 28, is not enforceable. In response Michael Wiggins Jr., Bad River Chairman, issued the following statement:

"The Bad River Tribal Council closed the gaming facility and limited other activities in Odanah, Wis. with the outcome of protecting our tribal community and surrounding areas.

"Regardless of the State Supreme Court decision, the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa will continue to follow the 'Safer-at-Home' guidance with the outcome of protecting the safety and health of the community while relying closely on the guidance of our public health and medical staff.

"We encourage other governments and municipalities or the broader public to voluntarily follow the safer-at-home guidelines to ensure the long-term safety and health of our communities."

For more information please read the Coronavirus Updates page at <http://www.badriver-nsn.gov/news/> and the attached Flyer. Miigwech!



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BAD RIVER RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTICE JUNE 13, 2020

**THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE REQUIRING THE USE OF BLUE
RESIDENTIAL STICKERS WITH EFFECTIVE DATE STARTING ON
JUNE 13, 2020 FOR ALL CURB-SIDE PICK-UP OF SOLID WASTE.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK-UP BLUE RESIDENTIAL STICKERS
BEFORE THIS DATE @ ALL USUAL PLACES OF SALE.**

**CHI - MIIGWECH TO THOSE INDIVIDUAL'S WHO UTILIZED
THEM DURING THAT TIME FRAME ALSO!!**



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COVID-19 tests a must before returning to work

June 8, 2020

To: All Bad River Employees

From: Ron Teliszcak

Subject: COVID 19 Testing

It was requested that this memo be sent to all employees. During the Tribal Council Meeting on June 3, 2020, the Tribal Council voted unanimously that COVID 19 testing shall take place. That is, before you return to work next week, you must be COVID 19 tested at the Bad River Health & Wellness Center. This is mandatory.

Please call the Health & Wellness Center as soon as possible to schedule your test. The phone number to call is (715) 682-7133. You will not be allowed to return to work without having taken this test.

If you do not take your COVID 19 test, you will have to take annual leave or leave without pay until after you have your test.

Thank you.



Ron Teliszcak
HR Manager



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NOTICE

Bad River Lake Superior Chippewa Indian Reservation and Road Closure

In order to maintain public health, safety, and limit exposure to COVID-19 the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa has issued the following order:

NOTICE:

The BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA serves notice that non-tribal access to Bad River Tribally owned FCL or open MFL lands within the boundaries of the Bad River Reservation is hereby revoked. Trespassers to BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA FCL or open MFL lands will be subject to citations for trespass.

And;

Access to all Bad River Reservation roads off of US Hwy 2 State Hwy 169, State Hwy 13 and County A (Road detail below) are closed and will be operating under restricted access until further notice. Access is restricted except to the following:

- * All Community residents;
- * Bad River Members;
- * Tribal Government essential employees;
- * Delivery of necessary goods and services, US Post Office, and Food and basic necessities, and other preapproved personnel

Closed roads: Birch, Pine Flat, Falls, Elm Hoist, Potato River, Joima, Jusala, Albert Mattson, West Fire Lane, Stones, First Landing, Second Landing, Goslin, Kagerville, Kakagon, Lake, Madigan, Beauregard, Ackley, Government, Graveyard Creek

Miigwech (Thank you),

Mike Wiggins Jr.
Tribal Chairman
(715) 292-2930

Swim Advisory Cancellation

Area beaches are routinely monitored for the presence of bacteria in the water.

The most recent water samples were collected on [Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020](#).

As of [Thursday, June 4th, 2020](#) we are **LIFTING** the **CODE YELLOW** Swim Advisory for the following beach:

Joe Rose Beach

Water sample is safely below the water quality criteria.

Further sampling of Bad River Reservation beach waters is scheduled to resume on [Wednesday, June 10th, 2020](#).

****please post advisory in your area.**



Berthea Olby
NRD Outreach Coordinator
Bad River Natural Resources Department
PO Box 39
72682 Maple Street
Odanah, WI 54861
(715) 685-7840 x. 1589
NRDOutreach@badriver-nsn.gov



BAD RIVER COMMUNITY 2020 SPRING CLEAN-UP

The Bad River Recycling & Solid Waste Department will be conducting the Annual Spring Clean-Up efforts with help from the Town of Sanborn, Bad River Roads & Bad River Facilities.

Start/End dates: June 22nd - July 3rd

We are asking the community for help in making this clean-up effort as *efficient & safe as possible*.

By following these simple guidelines set forth

1. Have all material *Separated* (wood, metal, household goods, e-waste etc.)
2. Have all loose materials bagged or boxed up for *safe* transportation!
3. Have all material curbside (*not in the ditch line*)
4. ***Do not put*** Recyclables or Weekly Household Trash with Spring Clean-Up Material.
5. Everyone *must* have all discarded materials curbside by *June 22nd*
6. We will be accepting Spring Clean-Up materials @ the Recycling Center *also starting June 22nd* for those individuals that want to bring down materials.
7. Please have tires stacked and ***NOT*** on top of other piles, (8) tires max per household.
8. NO BIO-HAZARDS, (sharps, medical supplies or medications).
9. All white metal items such as (refrigerators, stand or chest freezers) must have doors removed and must be empty. (No rotten food or meat).

If special pick-up is required for elderly or disabled, *notify* the Bad River Recycling Center by *June 12th* so arrangements can be made for these services by calling Us @ 715.682.7880.

Sign up by calling HR Assistant / Prisscella Dax @ 715.685.7840 ext. 1520

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

Head Start/Early Head Start Washable Cloth Face Coverings

Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is seeking proposals through solicitation for 500 (100 adult size and 400 child size) washable cloth face coverings. These face coverings will need to be completed and delivered to the H.S./E.H.S. building by June 30th, 2020.

The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, U.S.C. Section 476. This entitles the Tribe to government pricing and exempts the Tribe from state sales and use taxes and from federal excise taxes. Therefore, price quotations should not include such taxes.

This Request for Proposals is open to all qualified, responsive bidders. Indian Preference will apply in the selection process in accordance with the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) or the Indian Preference Act of 1934 (Title 25, USC, Section 47), based on funding source requirements. Questions regarding TERO, and if the TERO fee applies to the RFP, may be directed to the Bad River Band's Human Resource office at 715-682-7111.

Firms or persons applying for Indian preference must provide evidence in its proposal of 51% or more Indian ownership. In addition, the firm or person must provide evidence of structure, management and financing affecting the Indian character of the firm. Documentation of and compliance with Indian Preference must accompany the proposal.

Sealed bids must be labeled "H.S./E.H.S. Washable Cloth Face Coverings" and submitted by June 5th at 12:00p.m. to:

Bad River Tribe
Chief Blackbird Center
Attn: Executive Secretary
PO Box 39/72682 Maple St
Odanah, WI 54861

Questions regarding this project can be directed to Nona Crowe, Bad River H.S./E.H.S. Assistant Director at 715-682-7144 Ext. 1461

Bid opening will be scheduled at Bad River Head Start 53759 Pine Street Odanah, WI on June 5, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

Any or all bids may be rejected when in the best interest of the Bad River Tribe.

Program:	<i>[Signature]</i>
Accounting:	<i>[Signature]</i>
Posted:	5/20/20
	12:10 am

What Tribal Members need to know about COVID-19

What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronaviruses are a type of virus (germ) that can cause cold-like symptoms and sometimes serious problems with lungs and breathing. COVID-19 is a novel (new) coronavirus.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Mild to severe respiratory illness, or problems with lungs and breathing. Symptoms include:

- **Cough or shortness of breath.**

Or at least two of these symptoms:

- **Fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell.**



How does COVID-19 spread?

Person to person by coughing, sneezing, or personal contact like touching or shaking hands. Someone with mild symptoms may spread the disease without knowing they are sick.

Who is most at risk?

Anyone can get COVID-19. Those at risk of severe illness include:

- **Elders and adults over 60 years of age,**
- **People with heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes.**

How can I protect myself and my family?

Stay at home. "Social distancing" is recommended. This means keeping your family at home and away from others who may be sick.

- If you must go out, wear a mask or bandana and try to stay 6 feet away from others.
- Avoid gatherings with other people.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Do not shake hands, hug, or touch others.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.

If someone gets sick, what can they do?

- **If someone thinks they have been around someone with COVID-19 and they get a fever and symptoms such as cough or trouble breathing, they should call their healthcare provider or local Indian Health Service unit for medical advice.**
- In an emergency, call 911.
- People who are mildly sick with COVID-19 do not need to see a healthcare provider and are able to recover at home.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash hands.
- Stay home and away from others for 14 days to avoid getting others sick.
- Caregivers should keep sick family members away from others in the home and clean and disinfect surfaces and items that are touched often, like door handles, sink handles, toilets, remote controls, etc.

Is there a vaccine or treatment?

There is no vaccine. The best way to reduce the risk of getting sick with COVID-19 is to practice social distancing and healthy habits like washing hands regularly.

There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but medical care can help relieve symptoms. If you are sick, call your healthcare provider for instructions.

Have there been cases of COVID-19 in our state?

Yes, there have been cases in all 50 states.

For more information:
[CDC.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)



JOHNS HOPKINS
CENTER FOR AMERICAN
INDIAN HEALTH

Effective May 5, 2020
Source: CDC

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2020

**Gill Netting for Bad River
Members**

**Will be open on the
Kakagon River Complex
Starting
April 29th, 2020 at 10:00am**

It is **mandatory to bring your catch into
the hatchery for creel survey.**



Questions contact MNRD Wardens
Brad Bigboy 715-979-1181
Gerry White 715-292-7822

Updated 4/27/2020

(715) 682-7123 NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

FAX (715) 682-7118



Mashkiiziibii Natural Resources Department

Guidelines for On-Reservation Fishing

In response to the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mashkiiziibii Natural Resources Department recommends that all fish harvesters engaging in on reservation netting, spearing and dipnetting, adhere to the following precautions/guidelines:

Netting on Kakagon/ Bad River/Lake Superior Shoreline

~When fishing in a boat with others, do so with people who live in your household.

~Wear gloves and a mask to reduce the possibility of the spread of disease.

~Limit the overall amount of people in your boat to a maximum of 3 people.

Spearing at the Bad River Falls

~When spearing at the Falls, please exercise social distancing protocol by staying 6 feet away from anyone not living in your household.

~Be respectful of an individual's right to safe distance. Take it upon yourself to not impose on another's safe space.

~Wear gloves and a mask to reduce the possibility of the spread of disease.

Dip-netting at Kakagon & Goslin Bridges

(Handwashing station and portapotty will be provided)

~Wear gloves and a mask to reduce the possibility of the spread of disease

~Maintain social distancing from creel clerks and wardens on the bridge.

The following are requirements that need to be met in order to participate in dipnetting this year:

- 1) One person per net will be enforced.
- 2) No one under the age of 18 will be allowed on the bridge.
- 3) Utilize the hand-washing station and hand sanitizer.
- 4) Adhere to Warden and Fisheries staff requests for creeling as there will be changes to the normal protocol.
- 5) Three marked areas of netting per each side of the Bridge Maximum. (6 total per bridge).
- 6) Stay in marked areas of your netting area while fishing.

We are including these additional rules for dip-netting due to the amount of people on the bridge in past years and the lack of space for everyone to maintain proper social distancing.

If there are any questions about the upcoming fishing season please feel free to call Brad Bigboy at 715-979-1181 or Gerald White at 715-292-7822 .

By following these guidelines, you are reducing the spread of this new virus that has been proven to be dangerous to the elderly and immuno-compromised.

See the Bad River [<http://www.badriversn.gov/news/>] site for the most current information and recommendations regarding COVID-19.



Bad River Health and Wellness Center
53555 Nekoma Road
Ashland, WI 54806-4272

Clinic Administration
Phone: 715.682.7137
Fax: 715.682.7837
Main Clinic: 715.682.7133

**BAD RIVER AODA
OPEN RECOVERY MEETING
4pm EVERY DAY!!!!**

**This meeting is available during the COVID-19
pandemic.**

**Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or
smartphone.**

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/130162509>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: [+1 \(646\) 749-3122](tel:+16467493122)

Access Code: 130-162-509

**We are here to offer continued help and support to the
community!**



ATTENTION YOUTH



*Youth Services Department would like to make a video
for the up-coming Father's Day.*

*If you would like to send a picture or small video thanking your
Father, Grandfather, Uncle or special person in their life.*

*All entries must SUBMITTED by **June 16th @ 4pm***



*Each Youth who submits a picture or video, will get their name into a drawing to pick a prize.
5 names will be drawn*

*Please contact Mary Kaulaity @715-292-5073; 715-682-7111 ext 1612 or
NativeConnectionsMgr@badriver-nsn.gov more information*

‘Drum Beats,’ Deadline!

To get your news item in the next edition of “Drum Beats,” send email to NewsLetter@BadRiver-nsn.gov or call 920-857-4673 by noon on:

June 18



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REMINDER

BAD RIVER TRIBAL COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

JUNE 16, 2020

4:30 P.M.

VIA REMOTE CALL



What's your story?

If you know of a good story from the Bad River Community that needs to be told in "Drum Beats," just send an email to Newsletter@BadRiver-nsn.gov or call 920-857-4673.

Bad River Food Shelf Hours

Monday: 9 a.m.-noon

Tuesday: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Wednesday: 9 a.m.-noon

Thursday: 11 a.m.-noon

Friday: 9 a.m.-noon

Anyone needing Food Shelf please call ahead before noon, 715-682-7127. If there is no answer leave a message with a return phone number.



Education Department remains open to offer help during COVID-19

The Bad River Education Department remains open during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The department can be contacted at the information listed here for all of your higher education needs.

If you are a current student who will be continuing college in the Fall, please send email for a scholarship application and any questions you might have. We are here to help!

Education Dept.

Bad River Tribe

P.O. Box 39

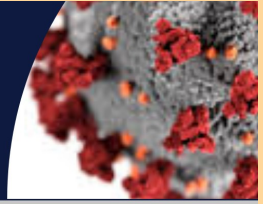
72682 Maple St.

Odanah, WI 54861

Phone: (715) 682-7111 ext. 1533



COVID-19



COVID-19 is Still in Our Communities



PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

The order is gone, but the virus is not.

Disinfect Surfaces



Limit Travel
Outside of Home



Stay Home When Sick



Follow Local Orders



Avoid Mass Gatherings



Stay 6 Feet Apart



WASH YOUR HANDS

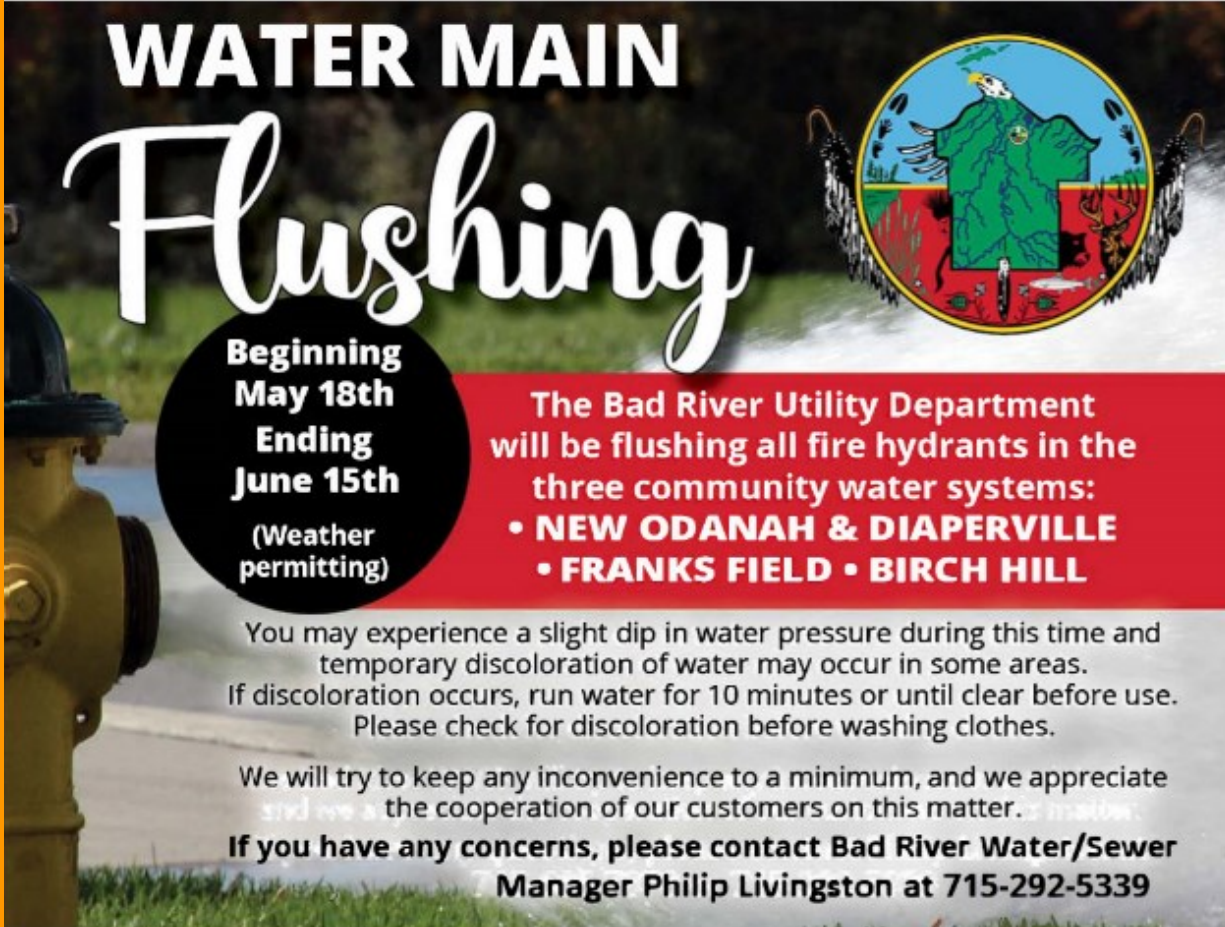
Wash your hands with soap and running water when are visibly dirty.

Clean your hands even when not visibly dirty by using alcohol-based hand-sanitizer or soap and water.

- After coughing or sneezing
- Before, during and after you prepare food
- Before eating
- When caring for the sick
- After handling animals or animal waste
- After using the toilet

If your business is allowed to open visit:
<https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/>





WATER MAIN
Flushing

**Beginning
May 18th
Ending
June 15th**
(Weather permitting)

The Bad River Utility Department
will be flushing all fire hydrants in the
three community water systems:

- **NEW ODANAH & DIAPERVILLE**
- **FRANKS FIELD • BIRCH HILL**

You may experience a slight dip in water pressure during this time and temporary discoloration of water may occur in some areas. If discoloration occurs, run water for 10 minutes or until clear before use. Please check for discoloration before washing clothes.

We will try to keep any inconvenience to a minimum, and we appreciate the cooperation of our customers on this matter.

If you have any concerns, please contact Bad River Water/Sewer Manager Philip Livingston at 715-292-5339



COVID-19 Reminders:

At a time when things are changing, it is important for us to remember that COVID-19 is still around us, and we need to continue to take precautions to keep ourselves and our communities safe. Here are some things you can do:

Wash Your Hands Often

Avoid Touching Your Mouth, Eyes, and Nose

Obey Social Distancing Rules

Wear a Mask

Avoid any Unnecessary Traveling

Exercise and Eat Well to Remain Healthy

We all have to do our part to ensure our Community remains healthy. If you have questions contact Public Health Nurses Pam Feustel or Tina Gerovac-Lavasseur at 715-682-7133 . Stay Safe and Be Well.





Apply Now for the Summer & Fall Semesters

Summer Registration

March 23, 2020-

May 29, 2020

Fall Registration

March 23, 2020-

August 28, 2020

Programs & Certificates

BUSINESS

CULINARY ARTS

EARLY CHILDHOOD

HUMAN SERVICES

LEGAL STUDIES

LIBERAL ARTS

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES

NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH

SCIENCE

MAIN CAMPUS

LAC COURTE OREILLES

OUTREACH LOCATIONS

BAD RIVER

LAC DU FLAMBEAU

RED CLIFF

ST. CROIX

SUMMER CLASSES START JUNE 1, 2020

FALL CLASSES START AUGUST 31, 2020

CALL TO LEARN MORE | 715-634-4790

lco.edu f @ t i n v



Women's Health Services

* Just a quick reminder that you
can still be seen at the Bad River
Health and Wellness Center
during the COVID-19 Crisis for all
your Women's Health Care
Needs, including **BIRTH CONTROL!**

Please call the clinic at
(715) 682-7133 to make your
appointment today!





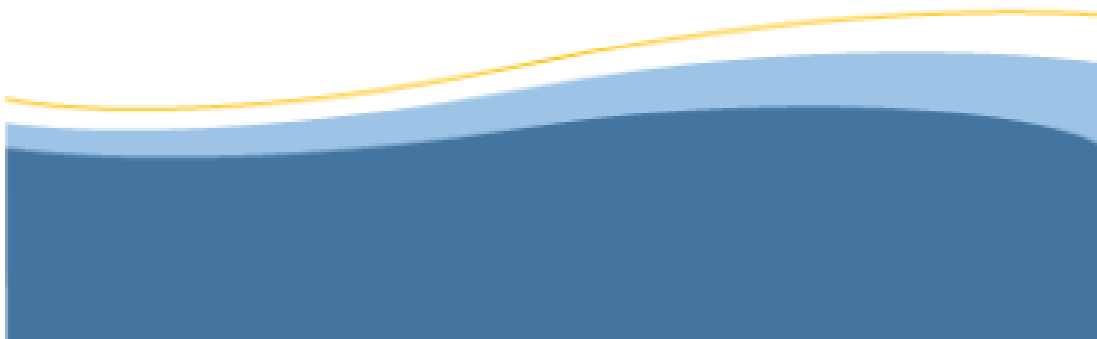
Bad River Health and Wellness Center CLINIC SERVICES

During the COVID-19 crisis, the Bad River Clinic WILL be open for other services. If you have a chronic health condition such as diabetes, hypertension, or are feeling ill, please call the clinic at

* 715-682-7133 to schedule an appointment

While the process of entering the clinic has changed at this time, **we are still here to serve you.** Please call with any questions, or to schedule your appointment today!

Stay safe and be well.



Care for your mental health, too!

During the COVID-19 Crisis, it is just as important to care for your mental health as it is your physical health. If you or someone you know is struggling, REACH OUT. Here are just a few of the resources available. We will continue to share free resources with you during this difficult time.

Mental Health:

7 cups: www.7cups.com; free online text chat for emotional support and counseling

Disaster Distress Helpline: 800-985-5990

Or text TalkWithUs to 66746

Suicide Prevention Hotline: 800-273-8255

Or text CONNECT to 741741

MoodGYM: moodgym.com.au

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233

Recovery Resources:

Bad River AODA Open Recovery Meeting: 4pm daily.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/130162509>

Or call 1-646-749-3122 Access Code: 130-162-509

In The Rooms: intherooms.com/home/

Please call the Bad River Health and Wellness Center at 715-682-7133 if you have questions or would like more information



New Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19 seen in children

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

High Fevers (lasting for 5 or more days)

Rashes on the Torso or Groin

Blood Shot Eyes

Red Swollen lips

Red hands and soles of feet (resembling sun-burn)

Swelling in the lymph nodes

Peeling skin on hands and feet

Temporary Hearing Loss

Low Blood Pressure

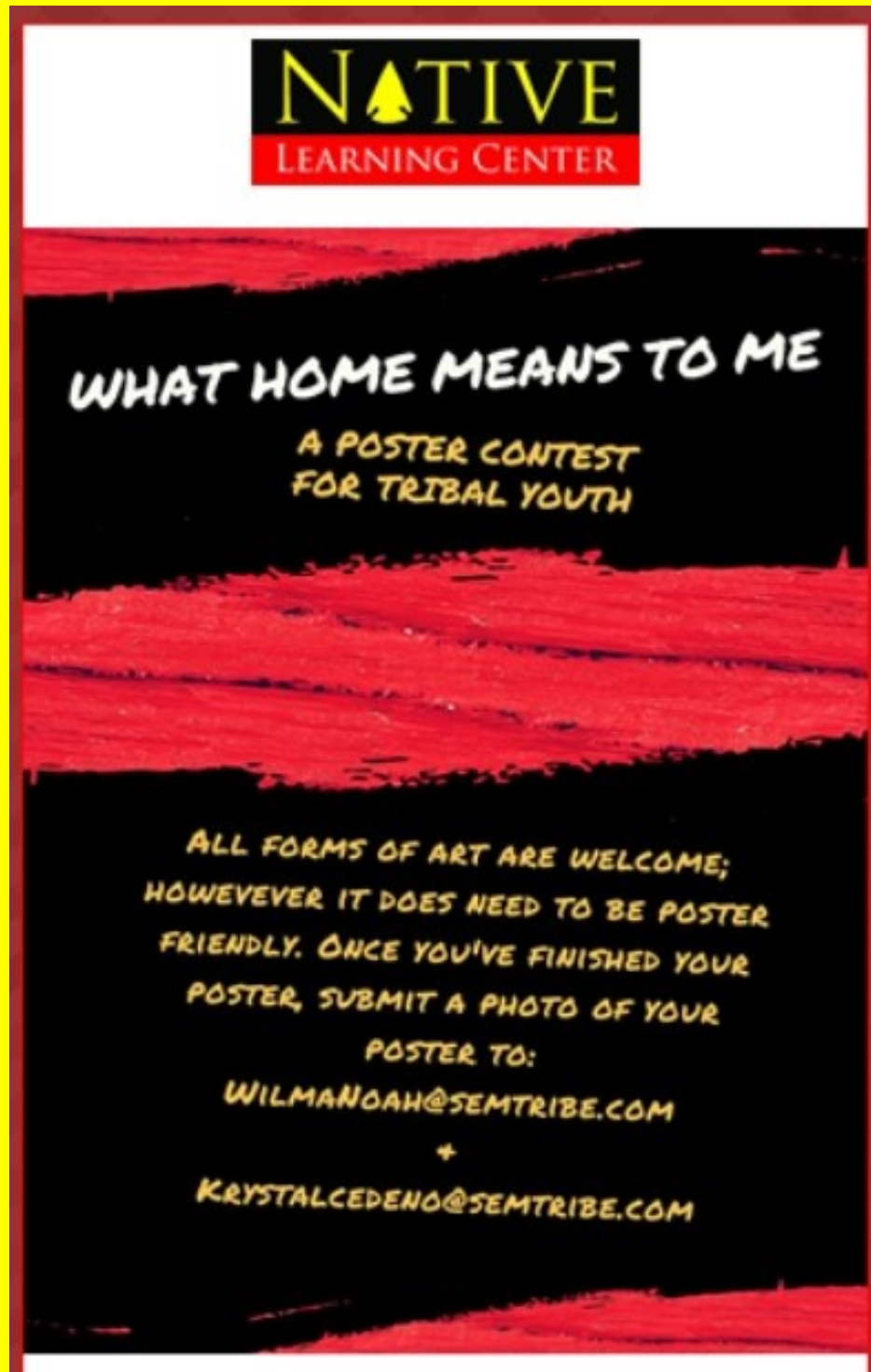
Confusion

Headaches

Muscle Aches

**If your child is
experiencing any of
these symptoms,
please contact your
health care
provider ASAP.**





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WHAT HOME MEANS TO ME A POSTER CONTEST FOR TRIBAL YOUTH

ENTER TO WIN A PRIZE!
Accepting Submissions from
April 1- June 30, 2020

All Tribal Communities are Welcomed to Submit! All Posters Must Be Original Art Work. You May Use: Markers, Paints, Crayons, Colored Pencils, Beads and Fabric! Get as Creative as you'd like! Create a poster that shows what home means to you!

All forms of art are welcome; however your submission does need to be poster friendly. Once you've finished your poster or if you have any questions, submit

to: WilmaNoah@semtribe.com or KrystalCedeno@semtribe.com

3 AGE GROUP WINNERS!
5-10; 11-13; 14-18





"Giniijaanisinaanig- All Our Children" Newsletter Bad River Headstart

Soft Opening tentatively scheduled for July 1st for Early Head Start.

Early Headstart classrooms will have 8 children maximum

We will be working on a curbside pick up app to ease transition and improve communication with families.

Only staff will be allowed in the facility at this time in compliance with CDC recommendations. We are doing this to keep our children and employees safe.

Temp. Check upon arrival to building <100 and daily checks for other Covid-19 symptoms children with symptoms will be requested to be picked up.

No toothbrushing during school hours (will encourage this activity be done at home)

Parents/guardian's are encouraged to update their children's applications if you haven't done so already. Please be sure your children's applications are up to date, you must have on file Birth Certificates & income.

***Parents/guardians can email these documents ASAP to adhere to social distancing ***

Please check with Family Services: Nona Crowe, Samantha Nordin, or Tony Gilane

IN THE WORKS

A graduation for students heading to the big school in Ashland is in the works. We will be distributing information on the potential dates for the graduation and more details via this informational letter as they become available. Please check your social media and the Bad River Headstart FB page as schedules or arrangements may change from day to day.

If any questions feel free to call the Headstart office at 715-682-7144



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NOTICE

GRAVEL PURCHASE FOR 2020

The Bad River Roads Department will be offering crushed gravel for individual purchase this year.

There is also a limited amount of fill dirt available. Fill can be found in the field directly north of the casino. If anyone would like to haul this themselves please feel free to take as much as you like. **The Roads Program will not be delivering fill dirt.**

Limit of 5 loads per residence (25 yards) of crushed gravel.

PRICES:

Crushed Gravel per 5 yard load \$19.00 per yard = \$95.00 per load (5 load max.)

The deadline for ordering will be September 18, 2020.

All payments should be made at the Bad River Tribal Accounting Office. Please make sure you leave a contact name and number when payment is made.

Deliveries will begin in late June to early July or as soon as possible thereafter. Repairs to roadways will take precedence and private order deliveries will not begin until road repairs are caught up.

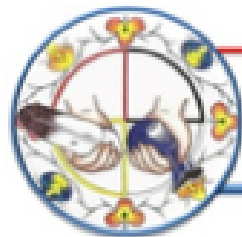
Any question please contact:

Ben Connors Sr
roadsmgr@badriver-nsn.gov
Ph: 715-682-7153 ext 1343
Cell: 715-292-1728



Telephone (715) 682-7111

Fax (715) 682-7118



BAD RIVER HEALTH
& WELLNESS CENTER

Even though the office is closed for regular visits, we are still here for you!

BAD RIVER DENTAL IS OFFERING TELEDENTISTRY!

Teledentistry is a virtual visit between you and your provider. We know that you may have questions or concerns about you or your family's oral health. We are here to help! This visit is at no cost to you!

Please call (715) 685-7887 and ask for
DeAnn @ ext 4413 or
Jerelyn @ Ext 4406

We miss you and hope to see you all soon! In the meantime, give us a call!





Some guidelines for a safe funeral service

Boozhoo,

Bad River Health & Wellness Center extends our sincere condolences to those in our community who have lost a loved one.

In our Ojibwe language there is no word to say goodbye, the word we use is 'giga-waabamin' 'miinawaa' we'll see you again.

Because of the Covid-19 virus, our Tribal government and surrounding Tribes are practicing guidelines set to keep everyone safe. Following our funeral services guidelines that have been put forth to help families stay safe as they honor loved ones. We share these guidelines in a good way in the hopes that they help our people protect each other while still conducting services for their loved ones journey.

We care for everyone in our community and want everyone to be safe. While supplies last, up to 30 masks can be requested for services.

Remember "Zhwenidig" Take Care Of Each Other.

Funeral Guidance

The following are recommendations that should be considered to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and protect the health and safety of all during funeral services.

- Tribal communities have large extended families & friends, we are respectfully asking to consider smaller funerals
- People who feel sick or are at-risk should stay home, we can pray for our loved one or family from home.
- Please consider recommended social distancing guidelines.
- Wash your hands frequently and/or use hand sanitizer.
- Choose a seat that follows social distancing guidelines.
- Please know that while the CDC has said there is no COVID-19 risk posed by the body of someone who has died, it recommends not touching, kissing, or having direct contact with the body of your loved one. If touching occurs, the person should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before touching anything or anyone else.
- CDC recommends wearing cloth face masks at funerals.
- Do not place cloth face covering on young children under age 2. Also, do not place a face mask on anyone who has trouble breathing or who is unconscious or unable to remove the mask without assistance.



Mining Wisconsin's Riverways: Past & Present Issues & Activism



This 4-part virtual panel series will feature tribal historians, tribal allies, and environmental and political experts connected to the Wolf and Menominee Rivers. Panelists will discuss their experience in cultural and environmental activism, as well as their knowledge of the mining process, followed by a brief Q&A.

Tribal Histories, June 23rd, 6:30-7:30P

Tribal Allies, July 7th, 6:30-7:30P

Mining & the Environment, July 21st, 6:30-7:30P

Regulatory Mining Process, August 4th, 6:30-7:30P

Join at
wolfriveractioncommittee.com
(live June 18th)

Contact: Wisconsin Conservation Voices,
WI Native Vote (920) 366-7636

Wisconsin Conservation Voices is a non-partisan, non-profit organization aimed at engaging voters to protect our state's environment. WI Native Vote is an affiliate working directly with WI's tribal nations.

'End' Quote

The Bad River Domestic & Sexual Abuse Program shares this statement for the week. These weekly statements address various issues, concerns and thoughts that we hope you will read and consider why it was written:

“Don’t let fear paralyze you. The scariest paths often lead you to the most exciting places.”

~ Lori Deschene

Watch for the next statement in the **June 24** newsletter. If you have a statement you would like to share, feel free to send it to Hiedi-Beth Burns, Coordinator/DV & SA Advocate & Legal Lay Advocate, Bad River Domestic Abuse Program. Send email to brdap@badriver-nsn.gov

BAD RIVER HOUSING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

2020	REGULAR MEETING
January	01/14/20
February	02/11/20
March	03/10/20
April	04/14/20
May	05/12/20
June	06/09/20
July	07/14/20
August	08/11/20
September	09/08/20
October	10/13/20
November	11/10/20
December	12/08/20

All meetings are held
at the Bad River Housing Authority Conference Room at 6:00 p.m.

Electronic Conferencing



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